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Dr Kim Beazley is an environmental and social consultant at Environmental Resources Management (ERM), a leading global provider of environmental, health and safety, risk and social consulting services. ERM seeks to deliver innovative solutions for both business and government clients, helping them to understand and manage the impacts of their projects.

Kim has particular expertise in displacement and resettlement, including developing resettlement frameworks and action plans. She is currently working with a large oil and gas company, focusing on the resettlement-related aspects of a project in Kazakhstan. She is also developing a resettlement training programme for an iron ore mine in West Africa, contributing to an Environmental Impact Assessment scoping study for a rail project in Kenya, providing resettlement assistance to a mining company in Sierra Leone and advising the African Development Bank on their development of an Integrated Safeguards System. Kim is familiar with the Equator Principles which are being applied in a number of the projects that she is working on.

Before coming to ERM, Kim completed her PhD at the University of Cambridge. Her research engaged in a very detailed way with the social impacts of conservation-induced population displacement and resettlement in central India. Kim's doctoral study focused on a village in Maharashtra state that was displaced from a Tiger Reserve during the 14 months that she spent conducting research in the village. Drawing from this period of in-depth ethnographic fieldwork, Kim's dissertation examined how the village's displacement and resettlement strategy was formulated, instigated and justified, and the particular actors, institutions and external structures that empowered this resettlement process over time. She explored the course of the resettlement and interrogated its multiple and diverse social, economic, political and cultural impacts.

Kim's doctoral work built upon and extended her prior experiences of conducting detailed empirical research and presenting resultant material. Her competencies particularly lie in (1) participatory data collection (discussion groups, interviews, household surveys and participant observation); (2) qualitative and quantitative data analysis; and (3) output delivery to a range of parties including academics, policymakers, companies and local communities.

Fields of Competence

- Population Displacement and Resettlement
- Social Impact Assessment
- Stakeholder Consultation and Engagement
- Development, Poverty and Livelihoods

Education

- **PhD (Displacement and Resettlement), University of Cambridge.** Dissertation – '*Oustee Powerlessness, Pragmatism and Potential: Conservation-Induced Displacement in Central India.*' (2010)
- **MPhil Geographical Research, University of Cambridge** (2006); **Distinction**
- **MA Geography (Thesis Route), University of Toronto** (2005); **Distinction**
- **BA Hons Geography, University of Cambridge** (2003); **First Class Honours**

Refereed Publications

- **Beazley, K.** (2011). Spaces of Opportunity: State-Oustee Relations in the Context of Conservation-Induced Displacement in Central India. *Pacific Affairs* 84(1): 25-46.
- **Beazley, K.** (2009). Interrogating Notions of the Powerless Oustee. *Development and Change* 40(2): 219-48.
- Mawdsley, E., D. Mehra and **K. Beazley** (2009). Nature Lovers, Picnickers and Bourgeois Environmentalism. *Economic and Political Weekly* 44(11): 49-59.
- Ghate, R. and **K. Beazley** (2007). Aversion to Relocation: A Myth? *Conservation and Society* 5(3): 331-4.
- **Beazley, K.** (2006). Exclusion in Madhav National Park, Central India: Is Policy Change Required? *Economic and Political Weekly* 41(45): 4684-93.

Awards and Scholarships

- Association of American Geographers **Academic Paper Award** (Developing Areas) (2009)
- Economic and Social Research Council **1+3 PhD Research Award** (2005-9)
- University of Toronto **Connaught Scholarship** for academic excellence (2003-5)
- University of Cambridge William Vaughan Lewis **Thesis Prize**, Janet Chamberlain **Thesis Prize** and Emily Davis **Scholarship** (2003)
- University of Cambridge Margaret Anderson **Prize** and Rajiv Gandhi Foundation **Thesis Research Scholarship** (2002)

Languages

- English, Native Speaker
- German, Intermediate Level
- Hindi, Basic Level

Key Industry Sectors

- International Development and Conservation
- Oil and Gas / Mining
- Transportation

Employment and Research Experience

Social Displacement and Resettlement Consultant with ERM; African Development Bank, Tunisia; Present.

Kim is currently providing advice to the African Development Bank on their plans to develop an Integrated Safeguards System.

Social Displacement and Resettlement Consultant with ERM; Rail Project, Kenya; Present.

Kim is currently contributing to an Environmental Impact Assessment scoping study for a rail project which looks set to have a significant resettlement dimension.

Social Displacement and Resettlement Consultant with ERM; Iron Ore Mining Company, Sierra Leone; Present.

Kim is currently providing advice to a mining company who is seeking to manage a resettlement in accordance with IFC Performance Standard 5 on Land Acquisition and Involuntary Resettlement.

Social Displacement and Resettlement Consultant with ERM; Oil and Gas Project, Kazakhstan; Present.

Kim is currently contributing to an Environmental, Social and Health Impact Assessment for this oil and gas project that is required to meet IFC Performance Standards. A key impact of the project will be the economic and physical displacement of local people and communities.

Social Displacement and Resettlement Consultant with ERM; Iron Ore Mining Project, West Africa; Present.

Kim is currently formulating detailed workshop materials which will be used to train government officials and the mining project team on the resettlement process that will be undertaken as part of the project, and the roles and responsibilities of those actors required to facilitate this resettlement process.

Part-Time Research Associate; SHODH: The Institute for Research and Development, India; Jan 07-May 08.

In parallel with Kim's doctoral fieldwork, she assisted this action and research-based non-governmental organisation in their sustainable development work with small communities in rural Maharashtra.

Part-Time Research Assistant; Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve, India; Oct 07-Dec 07.

During part of Kim's doctoral fieldwork period, she contributed to a separate University of Cambridge research project on tourism in India's protected areas (funded by the SMUTS Memorial Fund).

BA and MA Thesis Research; Madhav National Park, India; June-Aug 02 and June-Oct 04.

Kim combined documentary research techniques with village-based discussion groups and interviews to analyse the socio-economic aspects of Madhav National Park's exclusionary conservation approach.

Academic Teaching

Lecturer, Department of Geography, University of Cambridge, 2009-10: Undergraduate Geographical Tripos: Part 1B: Development.

Guest Teacher, Institute of Continuing Education, University of Cambridge, 2009: Certificate Programme in International Development: Module 3: Understanding and Engaging with Stakeholders in International Development.

Supervisor, Department of Geography, University of Cambridge, 2006-10: Undergraduate Geographical Tripos: Part 1A: Society, Environment and Development.

Teaching Assistant, Department of Geography, University of Toronto, 2003-4: Undergraduate Geography Course: Environment, Food and People.

Selected Conference Presentations

March 09: **'Experiencing Displacement in Rural India: The Changing Dynamics of State Response'**. Interdisciplinary Social Science Conference on the State, Marginalised People and the Politics of Development; Department of Geography, University of Cambridge.

Feb 09: **'"Powerless" Oustees and the Tiger Reserve: Challenging Conventional Theories on Displacement and Socio-Political Change in India'**. Seminar Series; School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

July 08: **'Conservation-Related Displacement: Interrogating Notions of the Powerless Oustee'**. International Association for the Study of Commons 12th Biennial Conference; Cheltenham.

March 08: **'Who Directs the Destinies of the Displaced? Interrogating Notions of the Powerless Oustee'**. Political Ecology Workshop; Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi.